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SUBJ: LIEVANO PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL TRADE PREFERENCES

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1. I SAW FONMINISTER BLANCO ON APRIL 14 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT. HOWEVER, I USED THE OCCASION TO REVIEW WITH HIM LIEVANO'S PROPOSALS SINCE BLANCO HAD PREVIOUSLY ASKED ME SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THIS SUBJECT. AS PER INSTRUCTIONS, I DOWNPLAYED LOME-TYPE ARRANGEMENTS AND EXPLAINED TO BLANCO THAT IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WHAT LIEVANO NOW SEEMED TO HAVE IN MIND DIFFERED FROM THAT WHICH BLANCO MIGHT HAVE HEARD A FEW WEEKS AGO, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO LOME.

2. BLANCO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR HAVING COME BACK TO HIM ON THIS SUBJECT, AND COMMENTED THAT HE HOPED TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM THE COLOMBIANS. HE CONSIDERED THE ENTIRE SUBJECT OF TRADE RELATIONS TO BE MOST PERTINENT AND BELIEVED IT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT SANTIAGO, AND CERTAINLY IN A NON-CONFRONTATIONAL WAY.

3. I SAID WE HAD NO POSITION AT THIS TIME ON WHAT WE UNDERSTOOD THE COLOMBIAN PROPOSALS TO BE AND WE ALSO WOULD AWAIT THE WRITTEN OUTLINE OF PROPOSALS THAT
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